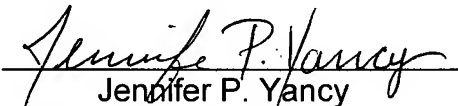


REMARKS

Claims 3-6 have been amended to a form more in accordance with U.S. practice in order to eliminate multiply dependent claims. Claims 13-24 and 28-30 have been cancelled. Claims 31-34 are new claims directed toward a specific embodiment of the invention. Support for these claims can be found on page 5, lines 6-17, and canceled claim 13, 22, 23 and 28. No new matter has been added.

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to the examination of the application on its merits, and prior to the calculation of the filing fee is respectfully requested.

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